

ABSTRACT

Sequin strip (60), let out from a reel and then placed on the upper surface of a supporting plate (8), is fed at a predetermined pitch corresponding to a size of a sequin (S') of the strip. After a sewing needle (31) fits into a hole (61) of a leading sequin (S') as a needle bar (31) descends in accordance with sewing operation, a movable cutter blade cuts off the leading sequin (S') by being driven downward by abutment against the needle bar (31) or a member (32) movable with the needle bar (31). Sequin-cutting portion (27a) of the movable cutter blade (27) has a thickness smaller than a thickness of an abutting portion (27b) that abuts against the needle bar (31) or the member (32) movable with the needle bar (31), to secure an appropriate strength. For example, the movable cutter blade (27) is shaped such that the thickness of a particular region, corresponding to a needle drop position, of the movable cutter blade (27) is reduced, and that, when the movable cutter blade (27) is in a posture before abutting against the needle bar (31) or the member (32) movable with the needle bar, an upper region (u) of the thickness-reduced sequin-cutting portion (27a) is located below an uppermost region (T) of the abutting portion (27b) not reduced in thickness.